

What is claimed is:

1. A floral container for a floral grouping, comprising:

a lower portion comprising:

a base portion having an upper end, a lower end, an outer peripheral surface, an inner peripheral surface, and an inner retaining space sized to substantially contain a pot or growing medium, and the floral grouping, and wherein the base portion is initially constructed to have an opened, nonflattened condition;

a skirt portion having an outer edge, the skirt portion extending from the upper end of the base portion; and

an upper sleeve portion connected to a portion of the lower portion and detachable therefrom via a detaching element, substantially the entire upper sleeve portion comprising an accordion fold comprising a plurality of folds layered upon one another and which is expandable in a substantially vertical direction from the lower portion about a vertical axis and wherein the upper sleeve portion is sized to extend substantially about the floral grouping after the accordion fold has been expanded vertically.

2. The floral container of claim 1 wherein the upper sleeve portion is sized such that when a pot having a floral grouping therein or a growing medium and floral grouping extending a distance therefrom is disposed within the base portion, the upper sleeve portion substantially surrounds and encompasses the floral grouping when expanded vertically.
3. The floral container of claim 1 wherein the upper sleeve portion is attached to the outer peripheral surface of the base portion.
4. The floral container of claim 1 wherein the upper sleeve portion is attached to the inner peripheral surface of the base portion.
5. The floral container of claim 1 wherein the upper sleeve portion is attached to the outer edge of the skirt portion.
6. The floral container of claim 1 wherein the base portion has a frustoconical shape.
7. The floral container of claim 1 wherein the base portion has a cylindrical shape.

8. The floral container of claim 1 wherein the base portion has a rectangular shape.

9. A method of covering a pot having a floral grouping, comprising:  
providing a pot;

providing a floral container comprising:

a lower portion comprising:

a base portion having an upper end, a lower end, an outer peripheral surface, an inner peripheral surface, and an inner retaining space sized to substantially contain a pot, and wherein the base portion is initially constructed to have an opened, nonflattened condition; and

a skirt portion having an outer edge, the skirt portion extending from the upper end of the base portion; and

an upper sleeve portion connected to a portion of the lower portion

and detachable therefrom via a detaching element, substantially the entire upper sleeve portion comprising an accordion fold comprising a plurality of folds layered upon one another and which is expandable in a substantially vertical direction from the lower portion about a vertical axis and wherein the upper sleeve portion is sized to extend

substantially about the floral grouping after the accordion fold  
has been expanded vertically; and  
disposing the pot within the inner retaining space of the base portion of  
the floral container.

10. The method of claim 9 wherein, in the step of providing a pot, the upper sleeve portion is sized such that when the pot containing the floral grouping therein and extending a distance therefrom is disposed within the base portion, the upper sleeve portion substantially surrounds and encompasses the floral grouping, when expanded vertically.

11. The method of claim 9 wherein the upper sleeve portion is attached to the outer peripheral surface of the base portion.

12. The method of claim 9 wherein the upper sleeve portion is attached to the inner peripheral surface of the base portion.

13. The method of claim 9 wherein the upper sleeve portion is attached to the outer edge of the skirt portion.

14. The method of claim 9 wherein the base portion has a frustoconical shape.

15. The method of claim 9 wherein the base portion has a cylindrical shape.
16. The method of claim 9 wherein the base portion has a rectangular shape.
17. A floral container for a floral grouping, comprising:
  - a base portion having an upper end, a lower end, an outer peripheral surface, an inner peripheral surface, and an inner retaining space sized to contain a pot or growing medium and the floral grouping, and wherein the base portion is initially constructed to have an opened, nonflattened condition; and
  - an upper sleeve portion connected to a portion of the base portion, substantially the entire upper sleeve portion comprising an accordion fold comprising a plurality of folds layered upon one another and which extends circumferentially about an upper end of the base portion and which is expandable in a substantially vertical direction from the base portion about a vertical axis and wherein the upper sleeve portion is sized to extend substantially about the floral grouping after the accordion fold has been expanded vertically.
18. The floral container of claim 17 wherein the upper sleeve portion is

detachable from the base portion via a detaching element.

19. The floral container of claim 17 wherein the upper sleeve portion is sized to substantially surround and encompass a floral grouping disposed within and extending from the floral container.

20. The floral container of claim 17 wherein the upper sleeve portion is attached to the outer peripheral surface of the base portion.

21. The floral container of claim 17 wherein the upper sleeve portion is attached to the inner peripheral surface of the base portion.

22. The floral container of claim 17 wherein the upper sleeve portion is attached to the upper end of the base portion.

23. The floral container of claim 17 wherein the base portion has a frustoconical shape.

24. The floral container of claim 17 wherein the base portion has a cylindrical shape.

25. The floral container of claim 17 wherein the base portion has a rectangular shape.

26. A method of cultivating a plant, comprising:

providing a floral container with the plant or a propagule comprising:

a base portion having a upper end, a lower end, an outer peripheral surface, an inner peripheral surface, and an inner retaining space sized to contain a growing medium and the floral grouping, and wherein the base portion is initially constructed to have an opened, nonflattened condition; and

an upper sleeve portion connected to a portion of the base portion, substantially the entire upper sleeve portion comprising an accordion fold comprising a plurality of folds layered upon one another and which extends circumferentially about an upper end of the base portion and which is expandable in a substantially vertical direction from the base portion about a vertical axis and wherein the upper sleeve portion is sized to extend substantially about the floral grouping after the accordion fold has been expanded vertically; and

cultivating the plant or propagule in the floral container.

27. The method of claim 26 wherein the upper sleeve portion is detachable from the base portion via a detaching element.
28. The method of claim 26 wherein the upper sleeve portion is sized to substantially surround and encompass the plant or propagule after a period of cultivation.
29. The method of claim 26 wherein the upper sleeve portion is attached to the outer peripheral surface of the base portion.
30. The method of claim 26 wherein the upper sleeve portion is attached to the inner peripheral surface of the base portion.
31. The method of claim 26 wherein the base portion has a frustoconical shape.
32. The method of claim 26 wherein the base portion has a cylindrical shape.
33. The method of claim 26 wherein the base portion has a rectangular shape.



34. A floral container for covering a pot containing a floral grouping, comprising:

a lower portion comprising:

a base portion having an upper end, a lower end, an outer peripheral surface, an inner peripheral surface, and an inner retaining space sized to substantially contain a pot or growing medium, and the floral grouping, and wherein the base portion is initially constructed to have an opened, nonflattened condition;

a skirt portion having an outer edge, the skirt portion extending from the upper end of the base portion; and

an upper sleeve portion connected to a portion of the lower portion and detachable therefrom via a detaching element, the upper sleeve portion comprising an accordion fold comprising a plurality of folds layered upon one another, wherein the upper sleeve portion is substantially reversibly expandable in a substantially vertical direction from the lower portion about a vertical axis, wherein the accordion fold is supported substantially above the flower pot such that the accordion fold is configured to reveal the floral grouping when the accordion fold is in a collapsed position and the accordion fold is sized to

substantially surround and to encompass the floral grouping after the accordion fold is completely expanded, wherein substantially the entire upper sleeve portion is comprised of an accordion fold.

35. A floral container for a floral grouping, comprising:

a lower portion comprising:

a base portion having an upper end, a lower end, an outer peripheral surface, an inner peripheral surface, and an inner retaining space sized to substantially contain a pot or growing medium, and the floral grouping, and wherein the base portion is initially constructed to have an opened, nonflattened condition;

a skirt portion having an outer edge, the skirt portion extending from the upper end of the base portion; and

an upper sleeve portion connected to a portion of the lower portion and detachable therefrom via a detaching element, the upper sleeve portion comprising an accordion fold comprising a plurality of folds layered upon one another and which is expandable in a substantially vertical direction from the lower portion about a vertical axis and wherein the upper sleeve

portion is sized to extend substantially about the floral grouping after the accordion fold has been expanded vertically, wherein substantially the entire upper sleeve portion is comprised of an accordion fold, and wherein the accordion fold is expandable to a length at least twice that of a length of the accordion fold when the accordion fold is not expanded.